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### **\* Public Notice \***

## ***Workers at Warsaw's Kimble Glass receive federal aid***

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that former employees of Kosciusko County's Kimble Glass have qualified for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Administered at the state level by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program is made available to workers who are displaced due to foreign imports or shifts in production out of the country.

The closing of Warsaw's Kimble Glass facility, which manufacturers specialized glass used in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and scientific research markets, impacts 53 workers.

In order for dislocated workers to be eligible for TAA benefits, a company executive, union representative or three former employees must file a petition with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) and it must be approved before benefits can be released. The United Steelworkers of America, Local # 614, filed a petition on August 26, 2004 on behalf of workers.

The USDOL investigation determined that job loss at the facility was a direct result of increased imports of glass vials and ampoules. With the ruling, any employee who has been or will be totally or partially separated from employment at Kimble Glass on or after August 25, 2003 through two years from the date of certification, is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance.

The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for a variety of re-employment services, job search and relocation allowances and training. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Additionally, the USDOL issued a certification for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for separated older workers Kimble Glass. It was found that a significant number of workers at the company age 50 or over possess skills that are not easily transferable and that competitive conditions within the industry are adverse. Older workers may choose between regular TAA benefits, or a wage subsidy of 50 percent of the difference between their new salary and old salary, up to \$10,000.

Information sessions for workers on how to apply for TAA are currently being planned and will be announced at a later date. Eligible parties may also contact Sandra Moehling at the Elkhart WorkOne at (574) 295-051561, or any WorkOne Center for more information.

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